

BEAVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

NUMBER: 7.04.03
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZED FIREARM, AR15 RIFLE
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1. AUTHORIZED RIFLE. Authorized rifles shall be an AR15 model, .223 caliber, the manufacturer approved by the department range master. Each rifle will be equipped with two (2) magazines, each magazine with a minimum capacity of twenty (20) rounds of ammunition. Any rifle in the possession of an officer will be secured at all times.

2. AUTHORIZED AMMUNITION. All duty ammunition for the rifle shall be department authorized/approved factory loaded ammunition. Currently, the authorized ammunition is Federal, Tactical TRU, 55G Ballistic Tip HP. Duty ammunition will be issued annually. Range practice ammunition shall be furnished by the department and will be comparable to duty ammunition in velocity and bullet weight.

3. AUTHORIZED RIFLE ACCESSORIES. Any accessory added to the basic factory supplied rifle will be authorized by the department and approved by the range master.

4. RIFLE ISSUANCE/SAFETY/ INSPECTION. Rifles will be issued to, and used only by officers who have successfully completed the basic rifle course. Qualified officers will be issued a department owned rifle, based on availability. At the beginning of each work shift, each officer who is issued a rifle is responsible to ensure that the rifle is clean and in proper working order. An inspection of the rifle shall be conducted by using the following guidelines:

- A. Absent a tactical reason, rifles shall be loaded and unloaded in a safe and inconspicuous manner.
- B. No person shall load or unload a rifle while in the police building except at a designated clearing barrel location or when police action is required.
- C. The rifle will be inspected outside of any vehicle with the magazine removed.
- D. The rifle will be checked for cleanliness and proper functioning. At the beginning of each work shift a functions check will be completed.
- E. If there is a function problem with the rifle it will not be deployed, and it will be delivered to the department range master, along with a written explanation of the

problem. The range master will then ensure the rifle is repaired by a department armorer before it is returned to service.

- F. After checking the rifle and prior to going into service, the officer will ensure that the rifle is secured in an approved case, in the trunk of their assigned vehicle, with the weapon empty, bolt locked to the rear, and the selector set on safe. The two (2) magazines will be stored in an area accessible to the officer, but not in the trunk.
- G. Prior to going off duty, the rifle will be removed from the department vehicle and either stored securely in the officer's locker, armory or transported to their residence.
- H. Only department owned rifles will be utilized by department personnel on duty. Exceptions to this rule can be made by the Chief of Police on a case by case basis.

5. **DEPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS.** The purpose of the rifle is to provide officers maximum tactical advantage by firepower superiority, distance and accuracy. It is not intended to replace the tactical expertise and ability of qualified Tactical Negotiations Team (TNT) personnel.

- A. The rifle may be deployed when the tactical situation may require it or when there is reasonable belief that the situation may escalate to the point that a rifle will be necessary.
- B. The rifle should be secured when the situation is stabilized or when practical.
- C. The rifle to officer ratio should not exceed 50% during a tactical situation unless circumstances dictate otherwise. This provides rifle security during the arrest process and permits freedom of movement for officers required to perform other manual tasks.
- D. An officer may have their approval to carry a rifle withdrawn based on but not limited to the following:
 - 1) Failure to qualify, and/or;
 - 2) Deficiencies in weapon handling, and/or;
 - 3) Improper deployment of the rifle.

6. **RIFLE RECORDS AND MAINTENANCE.** The serial number of each department owned rifle will be entered into a log maintained by the department range master or his designee. The log will include documentation on the following:

- A. Notation of completion of inspection by a department armorer for proper functioning, which will be performed at least two (2) times a year.
- B. Notations of any repairs and/or modifications made to the weapon.

Chief of Police

Date